

*Celebration also marks re-dedication of the field to Bill and Diane Castner*

Toms River, NJ - Congressman John Adler (D-Toms River) released the following statement commemorating opening day of the Toms River East Little League season and the re-dedication of the field to long time league coach and supporter, Bill Castner, SR and his wife Diane Castner. The Toms River East All American All-Stars won the World Series in 1998. On Saturday, the league surprised the Castner's with the field re-naming.

"Opening day with Toms River East Little League is a local tradition," Congressman Adler said. "This year's parade and game kicked off what is sure to be an exciting season. It's only right that these ball players get the attention they deserve for playing hard and having a great time. We all wish them a winning season and I can't wait to get to a game at what is now Castner Field."

"For nearly 30 years, Bill Castner coached and supported this league," Congressman Adler continued. "He and his wife cheered them on, organized events, and kept parents and the community involved. They are a large part of the league's success. Congratulations Bill and Diane."